has been providing all possible assistance to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi to remove encroachments to ensure free flow of traffic, especially the fire fighting tenders. Since no lapse on the part of Delhi Police has come to notice, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to take any action against it.

Permission to investigators of UK charities commission

2992. SHRI R.K.ANAND:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would permit the investigators of the UK Charities Commission, which has filed a formal investigation into allegations made by Britain's Channel 4 about the channeling of funds from British Charities Seva International and Hindu Swayamsevak Sabha (HSS) into sectarian violence in India;

(b) if so, whether the findings of the investigation shall determine the course of action in proscribing such funding from being received and misutilized; and

(c) what are Government's strategies to monitor implementation of this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) This Ministry has not received any such request so far.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Separate development board for Konkan region

2993. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of backwardness of the Konkan region, Government of Maharashtra has been persistently pressing of constitution of a separate development board for the Konkan region;

(b) whether Konkan is considered as backward as Vidharbha and Marathwada; and

(c) whether Planning Commission has submitted a draft report for constitution of such a board for Konkan in the light of the experience of the existing three Development Boards in Maharashtra, and if so, what decision has since been taken for constitution of the Konkan Board in the light of the Planning Commission study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been received from the Government of Maharashtra for establishment of a separate Development Board for the Konkan region.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. The Planning Commission had undertaken a performance evaluation study on the working of the three existing Development Boards in Maharashtra and submitted their report to the Government. The Planning Commission's study did not cover constitution of a Board for Konkan.

Special Task Force to contain Naxalism

2994. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a joint special task force among States to overcome the problem of State boundaries interfering with anti-Naxalite operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the project would be funded by the Centre and forces would be operated under Central command to iron out any kind of differences among the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) A Task Force on naxalism constituted in the Ministry of Home Affairs in October, 2004 in its 2nd